THE KING OF THE FAKIRS.

HIS MAJESTY DISCOURSES OF HIS CALLING AND HIS SUBJECTS.

Profitable "Sleepers" in the Form of Pagsirs, Hadges, Playing Cards, and a Variety of Other Novelton and Things Not Novel ... The Fakir's Life is Not Unhappy.

Down in a dimly lighted collar in Ann street, with a crowd of his attendants jammed in a corner before him, the King of the Gotham Fakirs sat enthronod. SHis throne was a big packing box full of Japanese porcelain ware that had just arrived from a Sheriff's sale of a bankrupt corporation that had started out with something of a form two months before. Piled around him on the cellar floor, and beaped on shelves all around the walls, was an extraordinary array of books, badges, poker chips, playing cards, buttons in boxes, puzzles, needles and pins by the million, glass outters, key rings, millions of collar buttons



THE KING OF THE PARIES.

in boxes, and other of the wondrous miscellany that goes to make up the stock of the street fakirs of the metropolis. gas jets in different parts of the cellar threw a sickly yellow light over multitudinous supplies, and brought out faces of the Fakir King's subjects in old relief. The ceiling was so low that the King's visitor nearly crushed his hat when he stood up straight before the King's throne. The particular Gotham King has another and larger court in Loonard street, but interest in his work and his subjects centres in the queer Ann street establishment.

Wall, and New streets, and there are good stands at the more prosperous ferries and along Fulton street near Broadway."

"Another thing that will surprise newspaper readers is that there are regular stated hours of work, Mivided into three sections as it were. The first is what is called the merning rush, between 7 and 9 A. M., when the fakir catches men and women on their way to work. Next

The first is what is called the 'morning rush' between 7 and U.A. M., when the fakir catches men an' women on their way to work. Next comes the 'dinner rush, from 12 to 1 or 2 P. M., when buyers of trifles go out to get a lite to cat, and, lastly, the 'home rush, 'from 5 to 7 P. M., one of the most profitable of the day, when the wage-carners are going home, and are most likely to be in a generous mood.'

"What things sell best, 'was asked next, 'Anvihing that strikes the purchaser as a bargain will always find a quick sale," replied theboss fakir. "For example, poker chips go like wildfire. The reason for this is that New Yorkers, particularly, seem to take kindly to any sort of sporting goods. I recall an amysing and profitable experience in connection with poker chips. It was when three firms that manufacture the chips went into a syndicate to raise the price. At this very time I chanced to have on hand 5,000,000 chips in loose bulk. I packed them up and put them on the market at less than the syndicate could make them for and that burst the scheme up quick as a wink. Nearly the whole stock went in a weed's time. I had bought these things sometime before at different sheriff's sales for a song, and was able to clear a good profit. The chips proved to be 'sleepers.'

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"A 'sleeper' is anything that a peddlor can get hold of at a backrupt sale that the rest of the bidders don't tumble to the value of. The Tammany Tigers' that the Democrats were in the big Cleveland parade last October were typical sleepers. You remember that these were little yellow tigers made of Japanese were little yellow tigers made to stick in the coat lapel or on a cane or in the top of your hat. I got hold of 19,000 of them. I paid \$15 a "thousand for them, and they found a ready sale at from five to ten cents each. I sold 10,000 of them during the closing days of the campaign, and I'll get rid of the other 3,000 sure when the Tammany braves go on to the Cleveland inauguration. I shall also be able to get rid of many thousand Harrison badges on the same auspicious occasion."

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"Hut what will Democrats want of Harrison badges then?"

"Oh, they won't be Harrison badges then. To transform these badges is one of the clever little tricks of the fakir's trade. Here, for example, is a bit of red, white, and blue ribbon with a portrait of Gen. Harrison pasted on it. I rip it off, make a slit in the middle of the ribbon, ift these buttons with a Cleveland picture in its place, and, prestol you see a Cleveland badge. I got these Harrison badges for a mere song, and I won't have the slightest trouble in getting them off my hands at live cents each. If the Tammanyies are particularly jubilant the badges will bring ten cents each.

"I looked in at a sheriff's sale last week and snapped up a splendid-sleeper. It is called How Columbus Discovered America. It is a trick contrivance that will sell like hot cakes. There is a little hox containing four numbered blocks. You give it to your friend, who mixes the blocks up, shuts the cover, and hands it back to you. You look through a small pasteboard tube over the cover and are able to teil, with-



The King of the Fakirs is a small, stockfly ilt man, on the right side of 40, with a brown beard and sharp eyes, and a smile that might be called winsome. He rejoices in the title of 'King Sanders," and is known by that name from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He is head of a syndicate, with branches in Philadelphia and Chicago and San Francisco, that furnishes supplies to an army of street fakirs in the large cities, and employs the fakirs on commission to sell all sorts of knick-knacks to that part of the great public that is tickled at getting a bargain of any kind.

The score of men that were crowded in the corner before him were typical specimens of the agents who ply the fakirs' trade in New York city. They appeared to be a contented lct, and they laughed and joked with King Sanders in the most free and easy way when the visitor who wanted to discover the secrets of the fakirs' trade made a perilous journey down the steep wooden steps leading to the

fakirs' hendquarters.
"So you want to know something about the street peddling business, hey," the King said cheerily, as he slid down from his pack-ing box throne. "Well, it's a great business, and I don't blame you for wanting to know all about it. To begin with, there are 10,000 street peddlers or fakirs in this town. This includes the Italian Counts, who peddle peanuts, chestnuts, and bananas. All but 200 are in business for themselves on a limited scale. The exceptional 200 are my willing subjects. They are bright fellows, who didn't have anything but their wits to set thom up in business.

out opening the box, just how the blocks have been arranged by your friend. If your friend tries to do it he always fails. The secret is that the tube you use contains a tiny compass, which shows the exact location of the blocks. The tube you hand your friend is a second tube without the compass. You simply paim the tube with the compass and hand him the empty one. These things were made to not on the market for \$1.75 a dozen. They weren't handled right, and the manufacturer got stuck. I bought 15,000 for \$25, and next week they will be on the street for a nickel the set. They will go as fast as a novelty called 'the crazy balls' that I handled last year. The



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where your patrons are counted either among the brokers, who have plenty of money to spend, or the wage earners, who have a little spare cash, to be in with the popular political party of the town. That the fakirs are Tammanyites is a sure sign that it pays to stand by Tammany in these days."

The King of the Fakirs mused in silence after this bit of philosophy. Then he said suddenly:

"It isn't a bad thing to be a street fakir, either. A feller with bright wits who sells on commission can make a good thing of it if he is energetic. You see, he works two hours in the morning, and takes three hours' rest. Then he works one hour or an hour and a half, and takes another rest of four hours. Then he works one hours and he's through for the day. There are many wage earners who would call this 'a soft snap.' While working so little and taking such res'ts between time, the takir has still attended to business, for he has been on deck to catch the boranza times—the morning rush, the noon rush, and the home rush. That's all he has to do to make money, and he gets plenty of good air, and can afford to stand a few rainy days, when the weather knocks business into a cocked hat."

THE ALBANY LEGISLATURE.

Mayor Gilroy's Driveway Bill and a Bill for the Removal and Preservation of the Old City Hall Introduced Last Evening.

ALBANY, Feb. 6.-Lieut.-Gov. Sheeban, President pro tem. Cantor, Senators Hagan, McCarty, Brown, and Floyd Jones were absent to-night, and the Democratic majority was reduced to a minority. Brooklyn's clerical-appearing Senator. Patrick McCarren, was in the chair, and Senator George Washington Plunkitt of the Eleventh Senate district assumed charge of legislation, as leader of the majority. "Uncle Zerrubbabel Erwin was not feeling well, otherwise he said he would run the Sonate himself. Senator Plunkitt said he would talk all night if Erwin attempted it.

Senator Plunkitt Introduced Mayor Gilroy's Speedway bill with the words: "I desire to inform all concerned that this is the Driveway bill, and I hope the newspaper men will criticize it as much as possible." Senator Hunkitt says that Gov. Flower told him that inasmuch as he presented him with the gold pen used in signing the Speedway bill of last year, which the Senate subsequently made haste to repeal, this year. it he passed the Driveway bill, he must bring back that Speedway pen.

The Driveway bill, the plan of which has

been heretofore fully published, provides for carrying out Mayor Gilroy's plan, by directing the Department of Public Parks of the city of New York, within one month after the passage of the act, to lay out and establish a public driveway in the city, beginning at a point on 155th street,

city, beginning at a point on 155th street, near the intersection of said street with Nicholas place, thence in a northeasterly direction to a point on the westerly shore of the Harlem River; thence in a general northerly direction along the west shore of the Harlem River to connect with Dyckman street.

After the filing of official mans, prefiles, &c., with the City Comptroller, Department of Tutble Parks, and County Clerk the lines and boundaries described therein shall be the driveway proposed and the Street Improvement and Public Drive Commissioners appointed under the set of 1887 shall take charge of the work. The Comptroller shall issue bonds of the city from time to time as is necessary to defray the cost of constructing the road. No attempt was made to alvance the bill, and it was referred to the Committee on Cities.

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Senator Donaldson introduced a bill making it mandatory for towns to vote for or against the issuing of licenses for the sale of higher. Mr. Erwin, with sober melh, suggested that the till go to the Committee on Internal Af-

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If there is no objection the bill will be referred to the Committee on Internal Affairs, quotn acting President McCarren.

The Common Council of Long Island City sent a request to the Legislature, asking that all bills relating to that city, not bearing the stamp of their approval, should be referred to thom before passage.

Senator Zerababel Erwin introduced a resolution calling upon the President and Congress to take steps necessary to annexing Bawaii. It was ordered printed and laid over until to-morrow. Bills were introduced by

Bills were introduced by tenstor Ahearn-For the turning over of unclaimed bank deposits to the blate Treasury.
Senate T. McClelland-Appropriating \$3.75,000 for a new court and exist for Sone Sing prison.
Mr. Fouthworth-To prevent telegraph companies and messenger companies charging for call hoxes.
Mr. Boone-For the publication of the Valuntions of the State Superintendent of Insurance.
Mr. Webster-Changing the system of arsessments for streets in the annexed distinct.
Mr. Guenther-For the protection of labels on heer buttles. offices. Mr. Webster-To sax the franchise and surplus of cor-

Mr. C. aban - The annual Canal bill Mr. Caban-The angual Canaball
Col. Webster introduced a bill authorizing
the removal and preservation of the old City
Hall of New York While the bill
does not provide for more than the
removal and preservation of the old
building, it is understood that it is
proposed to use it henceforth for a free library
after the manner of the Tilden Trust Library,
and to remove it to the place occupied by the and to remove it to the blace occupied Central

Park.

The Hon. Timothe Dry Dollar Sullivan introduced a bill to-night infinite it the peace and comfort of the good Coi. Shepard. It authorizes the construction of a cable road on Fifth avenue, between Washington square and the Grand tentral Station on Forty-second streat.

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The Assembly cleared the second reading calendar. Among the bills ordered to a third reading were: Mr. Sullivan's, authorizing the incorporation of his Preumatic Tube Transportation Company, which is known as the New York Mail and Newspaper Transportation Company, and provides for a pneumatic tube connection between the Fost Office, denots, ferries, and newspaper offices, and Mr. Fraser's bill relative to acquiring title in fee to the lands of the Croton water shed.

KANSAS'S TWO HOUSES.

Both of Them Making a Great Show of Tireless Industry.

TOPERA. Feb. C. - The Populist House reassembled at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and an hour later the Republican House commenced the fifth week of its session.

The two bodies worked side by side in the hall but neither gave any sort of recognition to the other. Both Heuses have determined

to the other. Both Heuses have determined to enter upon the transaction of business with increased energy regardless of legal complications.

The Republicans have already passed twe bills, but as the Governor and Senate will ray no attention to their acts they cannot hope to accomplish much. But they will give the usual consideration to the bills now rending before them.

The Populists have introduced over a hundred bills, but have passed none as yet that will enable their opposents to raise the question of constitutionality in the courts. Many of the Populist bills are duplicates of those introduced two years ago, which failed to become laws because of the opposition of the Republican Senators. The appropriation bills for the support of the Nata Institutions will probably be passed within a few days by the Populists, but they cannot be taken into the courts earlier than July.

The Canadian Rope Walker at Niagara Falls. BUFFALO, Feb. 6 .- Clifford Calverley, the

Canadian rope walker, who performed daring feats on his cable at Niagara Falls last summer, gave a private exhibition there to-day before a few friends. He proposed to move the cable down to the

He proposed to move the cable down to the Whiripool, but it would be impossible there to find places to fasten the guys, so he determined to test its steadiness without guys in its present location first.

He wore overshoes, and carried an iron rod as a balancing pole. The cable was covered with ice, and an icy drizzle was failing. The rope walker went out some distance, he stamled and jumped on the cable knocked the ice off it, and performed various feats.

He satisfied himself that it is not safe without guys, but will give his intended series of summer exhibitions at the Falls notwithstanding.

Painted When She Learned of Her Sister's

The sister of Miss Sallie C. Koop, who killed herself early Sunday morning, hastened back from her wedding trip in response to a telegram, and arrived at the house, 144 Montague street. Brooklyn, early yesterday morning with her husband. Mr. George Perry Fiske.

Until she saw the crape on the door she did not know why they had called her back. When her brother informed her of what had happened she fainted. pened she fainted.

There was nothing to be learned yesterday of the causes which ied to the suicide.

Set On Fire by Her Cargo of Lime. PORILAND, Ore., Feb. 6.-The steamer Witmington of the Merchants' Steamship Comhere, this morning. She had just arrived there from Puget Bound with a cargo of lime and lime rock. During the stormy passage she shipped heavy seas, which caused the lime to burn. Fruitiess attempts were made to flood and sink the ship. Loss \$50,000.

PLAYS THAT ARE NEW TO US J. S. CONOVER & CO.,

THE PALMER COMPANY AT HOME IN "LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN."

Dicar Wilde's Satirical Comedy of London Fashionable Society - William Gillette's Big and Speciacular "Ninety Baya"-Electora Dute in "The Wife of Claudius."

The stock company belonging to l'almer's Theatre was at home last evening, after about three-fourths of a year's absence. The greeting by a large audience was cordial as to the familiar members, and the occasion was felicfroms. Manager Palmer was called out imperatively and a speech was do manded of him. but he good humoredly declined to say anything.

The play was Os ar Wilde's satirical attack on English aristocratic society, entitled "Lady Windermere's Fan." The author was not there to saunter before the curtain, as he had done in London, with a lighted cirgarette in his hand and a lazy tone in his voice, to declare a disregard of the critics, whom he

really dreaded. His absence was doubtless a good thing for the prosperity of the piece. He would have been ridiculed, while without him the comedy was accepted readily as an extremely clever work. Originality was scarce in it, but the author had gathered industriously, and amalgamated adroitly, bits of wit and humor from here, there, and everywhere, so that the piece was choke-full of good talk. An old adage ays that " a man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds." but this play, in which words were plenty and deeds were scarce, was rather like a garden full of roses with thorns to them. Flowers of speech provided points to prick the foibles and vices of ashionable Londoners.

These things were spoken well by most of Mr. Palmer's actors, and appreciated keenly by the auditors. The characters were ladies and gentlemen as to manners, and they were so represented by the players in costumes and

rooms fittingly elegant.

The story of "Lady Windermere's Fan." is that the fair owner is a rather assertively virtuous young wife, who does not suspect that her own mother is the Mrs. Erneyane, a brilliantly wicked woman, whom she believes to be her husband's mistress. Lady Windermere is led to this conclusion partly by a Lord Darlington, who urges her to commit adultery with him as a means of retaliation upon her supposedly inithless husband. The fact is that ford Muderoure's intimacy with the fascinating society outcast and adventuress is clean. He gives money and attention to the woman in order to keep her relationship to his wife concealed.

ealed.
Mr. Wilde withheld this knowledge from the first London audience, too, until near the end of the play, but now it is revealed early and much to the enhancement of the interest. In the of the play, but now it is revealed early and much to the enhancement of the interest. In the first act Lady Winderwers becomes convinced that her husband is untrue, and she declares that if he earries out his intention to bring Mes. Encronus to their house as a guest, she will strike her in the face with her fan. In the second act the unwelcome visitor is there in an assemblage of very smart and swarger people, and the hostess grows so angry and resentful that she seeks a refuge in Lovid Par inglori's rooms. In the third act the mother goes to Darington's apartments to eave her daughter, and does it, but the younger woman's ian is lett behind, to be recognized by the husband, and to thus give rise to the one dramatic situation of the play—the mother taking upon herself the seandal of being found there by a party of Darington's Friends, and, by a trick, sending the daughter home unscathed. This quality of theatric interest had not been expected by the audience, that was clear, and it caused genuine enthusiasm.

The fourth net was a pleasant surprise, too, but in this case the cause was pathos. The mother and daughter met again, and parted very touchingly, the one keeping the secret of their natural ite, and the other grateful for having been saved from disgrace. The dominant and sometimes belante explicition of Mr. Wilde's composition here gave way to emotions of the heart, and a tribute of tears was paid to the author. He was fortunate in having this scene acted exceedingly well by Julia Arthur and May Brookyn. Mrs. Bowers had pleased the audience earlier in the play as a loquecious and oddly philosophical Duchess, E. M. Holland as a variation of the vacous nobleman and Maurice Barryman as the tempter of the wife. Nearly all the sixteen parts in the piece fared well, and it is likely that the Palmer company will enver more much unreceived the piece fared well, and it is likely that the Palmer company will enver more much unreceiation in its new task.

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A good deal of drama was tremendously illustrated at the Proadway Theatre last evening. The play was " Mnety Days." by William Gillette, produced after a week of postpone-ments, and the excuse for the delay in preparation was apparent in the crowd of people and wealth of scenery displayed.

The audience was enabled to follow the travels of an American in foreign lands and to see them successively in Egypt, in India, upon an ocean steamer, castaways upon an iceberg.

The will of an eccentric resident of Newport. R. I., left his large property to a niece on condition that within ninety days from the testator's death she should marry a man who was then engaged in missionary service in Burmah. Other and nearer relatives of the dead man sought to induce the niece to give up marrying as the will directed, but the young woman resisted all their urging and started for India to find her willed-to-be husband. Act I closed as she expressed this determination to her angered relatives, and at the same time a detective offered his services to the latter and promised to prevent the girl from finding and marrying the missionary.
So much was necessarily introductory. Be-

sides outlining the plot, it introduced the principal characters. They were a wealthy and coveteous couple of unsatisfied relatives. a Vermont maiden of thirty as the beneficiary of the old man's will, her brothers, types of very countrifled young fellows, and the detective who promised that the missionary should not be found.

A steamboat landing in Alexandria, Egypt was the scene of act two. Two globe-trotting baseball teams, the Chicagos and the All-Americas, had just landed, and with them was the detective, who was in advance of and waiting for the niece. He put the young lady and her party into the care of a supposed hotel keeper, who was really the keeper of an asylum for the insane, and

the keeper of an asylum for the insane, and who started for Cairo with them. Supposing they were in the care of a guide the unsuspecting Americans followed, thinking they were going to a first-class hotel.

In the next set an old mesque was shown, used as a madheuse, in which the niece and her party were confined. They soon became suspicious of their surroundings, and hearing cheering in the street outside, they got a message without the walls. It fell into the hands of the ball players, whose parading was the cause of the commotion, and these athletes forced their way into the dungeon, breaking down doors, through windows, and finally rescued their fellow countrymen from their confinement. This victory of Americans over the tan-colored fellatin was turned into an absolute triumph of grand proportions in the estimation of the audience. The curtain was raised several times to show the Egyptians kneeling to their conquerors, who were attired in basenall uniforms, and were armed only with ball bats.

The rarty's next move brought them among the ravages of India, whose hing decided upon placing the women in his harem and killing off the men. But the Americans poisoned him and escaped, carrying off the missionary with them.

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Art live found all hands aboard a steamboat. Here the detective planned to marry the couple, so that when they reached home their contention for the dead man's fortune would not hold, since they would not be legally married. While the ceremony was in progress the steamship collided with an iceberg. The bow of the boat was pointed toward the rear of the siars. At the moment of collision the entire deck of the steamer, comprising the whole of the stage, raised as though the boat had been lifted upon the ice. Two lifeboats were lowered over the side in a very genuine way, and hissing of steam, shouts of officers, and the clanging of the signal bell helped toward an excellent scene. The main characters of the play were compelled to escape to the berg. Upon it they were seen in the following act. They soon discovered that they had a most unwelcome fellow passenger—no less a terror than a fighting polar bear. The only weapon at hand to use against the furlous animal was the cartridge of a signal sun. This was expleded in an attempt to kill the bear, but the concussion ipoke off a section of the iceberg, and left the animal and the plotting detective upon the fragment. Then the two pieces of lea drifted rapidly apart, and the unfortunate man's cries became fainter and fainter.

The scene of the final act was in Newport. Here the people who were alternative legatese had concluded that the time set for the mar-

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riage was up, that it had not taken piace, and that the money was theirs. They were, therefore, celebrating by a lancy dress party. The voyagers arrived before the ninety days had expired, and began at once the marriago ceremony. Finally the nice drove a hard bargain and retained the major portion of the loctune, yet did not marry.

Though "Ninety Days" was first produced on Broadway, it was not aimed at critically discriminate audiences. There was not a bit of probability in the story, and several of its principal characters were broad cartentures.

There were a succession of skilful and handsome pictures, and some clever effects. One of these was shown in the short spell of ballet in the Burmese king's palace. The chief dancer pircuetted about for a few moments, and then possed while a strong light was thrown upon her from directly beneath her. A full half dozen of the dancers were head dresses which represented a snake's head, the wide-open mouth disclosing the wearer's face. Each one carried a green and white anake six feet in length. This dance took place about a fountain of running water, which was lighted from below, and was very leautiful.

Though quite reminiscent in incident, there was enough of novelly in scenery and effects to make of "Ninety Days" a spectucular marvel, and therefore a powerful appeal for popularity.

"The Wife of Claudius."

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Nothing less than the genius of Eleonora Duse could make tolerable the play of Alexandre Dumas, "The Wife of Claudius," which was performed at the Fifth Avenue Theatre last evening. The character of Cesarina, the wife of an inventor, Claudio, has no redeeming action or trait to endear her to the audience. This probably accounts for the have cared to make the sacrifice of the sympathy of their auditors which this play demands of the star

The story of the play is simple: Claudio has invented a powerful cannon, the secret of which a manufacturing firm is determined to get by fair or foul means. An agent of the firm is supplied with a large sum of money to be used in obtaining this secret through tesaring, wife of Caudio. The agent falls in love with Cesarina, who obtains the money from him during a voyage they take together. but does not give up the secret. She then returns to her hustand, determined to learn the secret which she knows is so valuable, and to accomplish this, seduces Antonino, pupil and adopted son of Claudia, who agrees to fly with her. He opens a safe, where the money she has already received from the company's agent is kept, in order to get that money. Cesarina takes advantage of the opportunity to steal from the safe the manuscript containing the secret of her husband's invention. At this baseness Antonino rebels, and Osarina attempts to throw the manuscript out of the window to another agent of the company with whom she is riotting. Claudio enters and prevents this by shooting his wife.

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The curtain is characteristic of the younger Dumas: the wronged husband, with his dead wife at his feet, turns to his accomplice, but instead of shooting him, as Antonno evidently expects, tells him to go to work.

Signora Duse does not attempt to save herself for her audience in any way. She plays resorted with a morelless ildelity to the character as the author gave it to dramatic liferature. She is a reckless, hysterical woman sensually swayed, highting lives without remores. In the second act she gave an exhibition of her tempestuous emotional power that caused an impulsive outburst of cheers which interrupted her inher lines. Having already plotted her husband's ruin and planned the thoft of his secret, she makes a last effort for reconciliation merely as an easier way to accomplish the theft. Enough had been disclosed to the audience for them to know that her appeal to Cambio was only a preference, yet the appeal was made with such a torrent of emotion that the Italians in the sudience, who seldom offered in such matters, were roused beyond control, and broke in upon her snoeth to cheer her. In the first act Signora Duse found occasion. and broke in upon her speech to cheer her. In the first act Signora Duse found occasion, as she usually does, to strike an unmistakeable beynote to the character which she thereafter maintains. She is startled by no unexpected discharge of a firearm. The effect it has upon her causes her to put on hastily a warm, heavy wrap she had just had aside. She nervously drinks some brandy and hugs herself in the soft warmth of the wrap. The action, prompted by such a cause, was hysterical, was sensual; was the character.

Mr. Irving Produces a Drama by Tennyson. LONDON, Feb. 6.-Tennyson's "Bocket" was produced at the Lycoum this evening before a house crowded with representatives of London society, art, and letters. The drama consists of a prologue and four acts or twelve scenes, with thirty characters. It is in blank verse, which once or twice touches the joint of sublimity, and more frequently just misses dramatic grandeur. In many places, however, the drama shows weakness, although probably the popular verdict will give it a place on a place with "Queen Mary" and far

probably the popular verdict will give it a place on a place with "Queen Mary" and far above "Harold." The mounting this evening was superb, occasionally even to the extent of overpowering the poeth.

Mr. Irving as Irvike reproduced at most points his cardinal Waises, illis impersonation was less marred, however, by mannerisms than usual, and altogether was as clear and powerful as any work that he has ever done. Ellen Terry's himstonia was magnificent. As Aing Items William Terriss was bold and strong. The other parts were well done, especially that of queen Eleanor by Miss Genevieve Ward.

The scene of the first act is the great hall at Northumberland Castle, and might best be called "Becket's Defisice." The second act shows Liamacand's bower in the woods, where Henry and Eissanand meet, and where inter she muses alone with her new-born fears of the king's treachery. The last and strongest act shows the murder of Becket in the Canterbury Cathedral.

After the last curtain fell, Irving came out to answer the loud calls of the audience. He was greeted with shouts of "Many happy returns," referring to his birthday. He said his heart was so full that he could not utter the thanks he felt. He would say merely that it was his highest privilege to produce what he believed to be an enduring monument to English literature. The production had been a labor of love, and had, he hoped, placed another laurel wreath on the brow of the great master.

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BOBBING AT IRVINGTON.

AN EXCITING SPORT THAT RESULTS IN AN ACCIDENT.

Matt Costello's Leg Broken by Contact with a Carriage, Which Ed McVickar's Bob Runs Into and Overturns-No One Hart Much, and the Other Two Bobs Steer Clear

Bobbing on Harriman's Hill in Irvington is exciting sport. The course is down Broad-way for perhaps (XX) feet, through a hollow of perhaps 300 feet, and up the street again for a slight incline of perhaps 400 feet.

The start is made opposite Nichols's grocery at the corner of Brondway and Main street. The bohs, long affairs fifteen and eighteen feet enamel colorings, and patterns in length, lithe and limber, but stanchly built, carry from twelve to twenty-two per sons. On the front sled are fron bars, or han dles, which project on each side. The steersman lies flat, face down, at the front of the bob. Three or four sit on top of him to keep him warm and to economize space. When the bob is filled the steersman gives the signal

and the rear man pushes. The others on the bob move their bodies forward simultaneously, like jockeys urging their horses. The steel-shod runners sink a trifle into the hard snow. There is a creaking and the bob starts. It crawls the first few feet. Then it glides. It moves down the hill, and is at last under way. It dashes the hardened snow; occasionally its steel runners give out a sharp flash as a stone is struck. The street lamps have the same appearance as when seen from an express train. With every yard traversed the bob gains speed, and every bob's length brings a new tingle to the ears of the coasters, and an additional thrill passes through their faces. The bob plunges through the hollow. The curve is reached.

"All lean to the left and hang on," is shouted. The girls scream and hang on to the sled. The boys howl and hang on to the sled-and the girls. The bob vibrates and rocks and whirrs around the curve. The up grade is struck. The bob shudders as it gins the ascent. The bolts rattle, the board body of the bob dances up and down. The bob emits a sort of a purr and rushes up the slope. Its speed slackens. All on board lurch forward impetuously like a coxawain in a boat. The distance travelled is prolonged. Then all lean back and watch the bob following close behind, to see if they have made the longest "fetch," that is, have gone the faritiest. Then all hands right about, and the ascent up Harriman's little is begin by sliding down the necessory hill. Such is bobbing on liarriman's Hill.

On Saturday night four hobs were out on the hill with about lifty people on board. The rains of the middle of the week had washed off the snew and the intense cold of Friday and Saturday had made the course a glittering ley stretch. board body of the bob dances up and down.

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A few minutes after 9 John Cannon's hob with about a dozen people started down the course. Thomas Metiovan was steering. Will Tobin was abourd and so were three servant girls from Dr. Dunham's. Matt. Costello was the last man. A little more than hall way down the course Metiovan sawa carriage coming up on the coasting side.

The man kept to the right instead of to the left, as is customary on the hill. By a sudden twist Metiovan turned the bob to the right and passed right in front of the horse. He turned to the left then to continue down the course, and, as the bob swept by the carriage. Costello's left leg was struck below the knee by the wheel of the carriage.

The bob went to the end of the course and Costello said he guessed he was hurt. He was found that his leg was broken.

In the meantime the second bob said to be few minutes after () John Cannon's bob

carried on the bob to his house, where it was found that his leg was broken.

In the meantime the second bob, said to be owned by Ted McVickar, a grandson of E. S. Jaffray, steered by Edward Strange, and with Duncan Preston, Robert Poynton, Joseph Carey, and two sons of Howard S. Jaffray on hoard, all well connected in Irvington, ameng its passengers, was following close behind the first bob.

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The carriage was proceeding up the hill, and when almost opposite Dr. Dunham's, in some way not known—whether the herse shied or whether the driver did not see the bob or whether these on the bob did not see the carriage—the bob plunged into the carriage.

The carriage was overturned, the top taken off, so it was said, and the young men were thrown and scattered in promisenous directions. The horse took affright and started to run, but he was stopped by one of the men.

The whole affair was over in a second, and when the young men got together it was found that no one was badly hurt. One of the carriage wheels passed over the legs of Aloxander Bayanes and Charles Galloway. But when Strange looked at the bob he saw that the first foot of the board, right where his head had been, was smashed.

While this was going on they saw the third hob, steered by Jack Dougherty, tearing down the course. "Brake her!" Irake her!" they yelled.

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bob, steered by each the course. "Brake her! Brake her the course." Brake her! Brake her they yelled.

The coasters on Harriman's ifill scorn to use brakes on their bobs. But instantly a core of feet came down on the fee, and the bob, with a dexterous turn, swept slowly past the second hob and the carriage, and came to a stop not hob and the carriage, and came to a stop not right behind the third bob was a fourth

far beyond.

But right behind the third bob was a fourth bob, the fastest of the four, said to have twenty-two young men on board and steered by hob MeBride, a clever steeraman. Bob and those on board heard the yells of those in the middle of the road.

They put their feet down on the ice, and McBride gripped firmer the handles. In front of him was the horse, the carriage, the second bel, and scattered over the road were blankers and shawls, which looked indistinctly like boys or girls lying in the road.

McBride twisted the bob sharply to the right and passed between a blanker and the carriage. Almest in front of him were some blankets, and just to the left he saw the second lob. By another strong and sudden twist he swerved the hob to the left again, and passed between the lob and the blankets. The bob stopped a little sistance down the hill.

No one was seriously hurt excepting Costello, who is now confined to his bed. On Sunday livery Keeper Francis was intown trying, so it was said, to approximate the damage to his vehicle and collect the same.

Practical Counties of Through Truffe. CHICAGO, Feb. C.-The Eric, Baltimore and Ohio, and Wabash are the only Eastern lines accepting traffic from their Western connections. The other seven are either actually or ostensibly blocked with traffic. It is impossible to learn the exact condition

of each line, but eastern officials generally believe the only lines which from necessity is sued the restraining orders on their western connections are the Lake Shore and Fort Wayne. In the case of the Lake Shore the order was is

the Lake Shore the order was issued not because of actual blockeds, but because the immense amount of traffic offered and that actually in hand would not admit of licrease. When the Fort Wayne issued its notice to Western lines the Lake Shore did so for self-protection.

The Eastern pool is blamed for this practical cessation of through traffic. From a railroad standpoint there was no objection to evening up the percentages of the pool lines by ordering the or even more of the roads to cease receiving traffic from their Western connections.

The objection comes in the time chosen for the evening up process. If the nool orders were lifted each line would have all it could do at tariff rates, and there would be little or no danger of rate cutting. The situation is so serious that immediate change is demanded and will be brought about by the lines themselves unless the executive officials of the pool take action. pool take action.

Her Busband Made Her Box with Him. CINCINNATI, Feb. 6. - The trial of the divorce case of Lillie Henry against John Henry began to-day. Mrs. Henry was formerly Miss Bondurant of Louisville. Her husband is of a wealthy Cincinnati family residing in a Clifton mansion. Mrs. Henry charges extreme cruelty, mansion. Mrs. Henry charges extreme cruelty, and testified to-day that while going home from a ball in a carriage her husband beat her fearfully. A few nights after their wedding Henry, who affects athleties, insisted on her putting on the boxing gloves with him before they retired. Mrs. Henry was knecked about the room, and her eyes and face bruised and blackened. Mrs. Henry seeks compensation to the amount of \$50,000. The proceedings to-day crowded the court room with the most prominent society people.

Senatorial Bendlock in Wyoming.

CHEYENNE, Feb. 6.-A. L. New was unable on the second attempt, under agreement, to command the solid support of the Democrats in main the sold support of the Democrats in the Legislature. Three representatives of the party frowned upon his Senatorial candidacy. New had 13, Hailiday 2, and Baxter 1. The five Fopulisie stuck to William Brow. W. H. Kilpatrick of Weston county received the ice-publican strength of twenty-one votes. It is said to-night that the Populists may vote for a Democrat to-morrow.

Strike of Philadelphia Stage Hunds.

PHILADELPHIA. Feb. 6.-The 150 stage hands in the Philadelphia theatres, who had organfred as a labor union, to-night struck for higher wages and for recognition by the signing of their scale, demanding uniform privileges. The Girard Avenue, Arch Street, and Empire theatres alone yielded to the strikers. All performances went on without a hitch.



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LOU.SVILLE. KV. HEW YORK N. B. A PROBLEM IN ENGINEERING.

East Chester Must Remove Her Halfor Two

Dams Without Injuring Youkers' Staff. The Bronx Valley Santary Association employed an engineer last summer to find out what caused the malaria in various towns on the river lanks. He reported that it came from three pends, made by dateming the river, two of them at Tuckahoe and one at

river, two of them at Tuckahoe and one at Bronxville.

The town of East Chester lies on one side of these ponds and Yonkers on the other. The association got the Board of Realth of each town to condenn the pends and order the dams removed by Feb. 1.

This was not done, however, because meantime the owners of the pends, who used them for water power, got out injunctions.

On Saturday the Court dissolved the injunction against the East Chester authorities, and early Sunday morning the Board of Health got to work on the dams with dynamite and Italians.

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Indians
They had to blast away that part of each dam which was in the East Chester half of the river without incuring the part which was within the boundaries of Yonkers. This was no easy job, but it was reported yesterday that it was being successfully accomplished. Meantime the Yonkers anthorities are watching the work jealously lest East Chester dynamite, should eneroned upon Yonkers territory, and at the same time anxious for permission from the Court to blow up their own haives of the three dums.

Warner's Execution Stayed by a Writ of

Chancellor McGill grante to writ of error in the case of Wesley Warner in Jersey City yesterday afternoon. Warner was convicted of the murier of Lizzie Peak in Mount Holly, and was condemned to be hanged March 15. Judge Garrison, who sat in the case, refused to charge the jury on certain points, and Lawver Garrison, for Warner, took exception. He also said that there were other errors in the Judge's charge. The Chamcellor, after a careful review of the record, granted a wei of error, which will stay the exception and allow the case to be taken to the Supreme Court. Warner, in a mad fill of regionsy, stabled the woman with whom he had been living. He was convicted in December. the case of Wesley Warner in Jersey City yes-

Police Justice Voorhis and nine of the thirty district leaders of the New York Democracy

met last evening at 3 Abingdon square and gave voice to the following on the Ballot law: Bended, that a committee of three he appointed by the Chair for the purpose of securing in any proposed lects atton amending the present Ballot has the right of the citizen to vete for his enoice for any and all public others.

It will be remembered that the Voorhis De-mogracy, although they nominated a full city andcounty ticket last fall had no official ballot at the polls. Accused of Corrupting Their Dan hiers

On information given by Morris Cohen, a 14year-old boy, to Capt. Cross of the Lagrage street polled station. Detectives Place and Smith arrested last right Louis Refern. a butcher, and his wife, Belsy, who slive at 233 Broome street. The man and woman are charged with compoliting their two daughters, Susan, aged 12, and Minnie, aged 10, to lead an immoral life. The Gerry Society have charge of the case.

Proposed Mailroad Coal Operators' Torst, Perseuran, Feb. C -A movement is on foot coking to the formation of a combination of all the railroad coal operators of western all the railroad coal operators of western Pennsylvania. Several secret conferences have been held, and it is said that the owners of 100 mines in this terion, representing fully \$15,000,000 copidal, have signified their inten-tion of tolating the combine. The objects of the trust will be uniformity of prices, reduction of expenses, and regulation of the car service.

Capt. Wishart Not to Sacceed Gardner.

Lawyer Frank Moss, counsel for the Fociety for the Prevention of Crime, said yesterday that it is not true, as has been reported, that Capt. Alexander Wishart has been engaged as chief agent of the society to succeed Charles W. Gardner. Capt. Wishart, he said, had only been engaged tentatively, and, should be be retained. Cart. Wishart, he said, had only been en-gaged tentatively, and, should be be retained permanently, there would be assigned to him a class of work that might be considered sup-plementary to Garlner's.

The Stuyvesont Club Ball,

The annual reception and ball of the Starresant Democratic Clab, the Tammany organization of the Twenty-sixth district, was held in the Lyon Lycoum last night.
Some of those who watched the dancers from the loxes were Mayor Thomas F. Gifroy and his family. Senator Jacob A. (antor, Thomas F. Gimmins, A. I. Frenime, Charles Welde, William H. Burke, John J. Ryan, John B. Harrison, James O'Conneil and Albert C. lage.

A Schooner Ashore at Jones's Inlet.

In the fog of yesterday morning the twomasted schooner Vernala of Nova Socia, with a load of logwood from Jacrael, Hayth to New York, ran aground on Jones's later har at 8 o'clock. Go'clock.

The Short Beach life-saving crew went to the rescue and took the crew of the stranded vessel off. The vessel is said to be in no immediate danger.

Quay is There.

Hannisherso, Fee. 6.—Senator Quay is here. He came over from Washington with Mrs. Quay and is stopping at the Lochiel Hotel, where all the members of the Legislature did him reverence to night. Senator Quay is in post health and will go to Fiorida next Sat-pritas.



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